

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

By this amendment, claims 1, 3, 6, 7, 24, 27, 28 and 30 are amended, claims 10-12, 16-23, 26, 31 and 33 are canceled, and claims 34-39 are added, leaving claims 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 13-15, 25, 29 and 32 unchanged. Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of claim 32 and for the indication that claims 23-25, 27 and 28 contain allowable subject matter.

Claims 26 and 27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 as being indefinite. Claim 27 has been amended to replace the term “abuts” with the term “extends” to clarify that the at least one spoiler element extends along substantially an entire length of the wiper rod. The Applicants respectfully submit that the reference to the flow direction for a spoiler is clear to one of ordinary skill in the art. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the clarity rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Forster (US 3,480,986). Claim 11 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Mohnach (US 4,892,547).

Claims 1-9, 11-21, 29, 30 and 33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Forster (US 3,480,986) in view of Hollaender et al. (DE 10111757). Claims 10, 22 and 31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Forster in view of Hollaender et al. and further in view of Mohnach.

Claim 1 is amended to include the subject matter of allowable claim 23 and intervening claim 10. Claims 2, 24, 25 and 29 depend from amended claim 1 and are allowable for the same and other reasons.

Claim 27 is re-written in independent form and includes all the limitations of independent claim 1 and intervening claim 26. Claims 34-36 depend from claim 27 and are allowable for the same and other reasons.

Claim 28 is re-written in independent form and includes all the limitations of independent claim 1. Claims 37-39 depend from claim 28 and are allowable for the same and other reasons.

Claims 3-9, 13-15 and 30 are amended to depend from claim 32 and are allowable for the same and other reasons.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request entry of the present Amendment, allowance of claims 1-9, 13-15, 24, 25, 27-30, 32 and 34-39.

If additional consultation will further prosecution, the undersigned is available during normal business hours at the below-identified telephone number.

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